

Monday: 10 05 21

Jeremiah 29:11

Reflection: In this verse we learn of the goodness of the Lord. How He has planned for us good things. We can also see in this the goodness of the Lord for others. How God seeks ways to bless those around us each day.

Application: The Church family is like any family. There will be blessings and conflicts. Sometimes we will get along with each other. While other times we will be at odds with others. What stays the same throughout it all is Gods' determination to see us each blessed. So what might stand in the way of someone being blessed?

Challenge: Is there something you can do to be a channel of blessings for someone you know?

Tuesday: 11 05 21

Proverbs 3:5-6

Reflection: Leaning on our own understanding is not a good plan.. We are warned that mans understanding has limits and faults. That such human logic can create paths that are crooked. Leading us away from the teachings and guidance of God.

Application: In last Sundays service we heard how Rev. Stephen Fong was getting advice from a friend. When the friend stopped and said she should have prayed first: She realised the I deep importance of aligning her support with Gods' deeper understanding and knowledge of things.

Challenge: Giving advice is easy. But real support comes from God. Be sure to seek his guidance first.

Wednesday: 12 05 21

Colossians 3:23

Reflection: Whatever you do. This all inclusive charge instructs us to consider everything we do and to do it as if it were a gift we honour our Lord with. Not something we would do to impress others with.

Application: Work is important. We all like to feel appreciated and to see our hard labour recognised. Yet how often do we acknowledge that it is God that we owe so much for. That without God we would still be lost and meandering through life. How often do we thank God for our daily bread. For the roof over our heads and the security of work?

Challenge: Take time this week and look back on life. Recognise how God has had a hand in it all. Than give him all due credit and praise.

Thursday: 13 05 21

1 Timothy 3:5

Reflection: At the time of this verse the early Church was growing quickly. The new converts were eagerly trying to out do each other in aspects of tithing and generosity. Yet there were some who did so at the cost of their family and own welfare.

Application: Ever see someone who gives so much that they seem to be at a loss to taking care of their family and home? Sure there will be those who will say that what goes around comes around. But the verse here says we need to be wise in the way we handle our resources.

Challenge: Take stock of what God has blessed you with and ask if you are a good steward or not.

Friday: 14 05 21

Colossians 3:16

Reflection: This is yet another Wow verse. We can see the many levels of how the verse can have a positive impact on our lives. We are called to rejoice in our faith. To sing songs and to rejoice with gladness in our hearts. How wonderful it is expressed.

Application: Every Sunday we meet and share the fellowship of believers. Although we are warned now, due to Covid19, to suppress our singing; we can still sing with a strong yet hushed voice. One that will bring to God our hearts love and praise.

Challenge: Singing is an amazing way to lift up our hearts to God. Let's seek ways praise God.

Saturday: 15 05 21

Hebrews 13:15

Reflection: The fruit of lips that acknowledge His, Gods', name? This is another wonderful verse that expresses the importance for our open ministry of our faith. It tells us how we are meant to worship God by acknowledging God to the lost and confused world we live in.

Application: We go to Church and we sing the hymns and pray the prayers of faith. Than later we return to the real world. The place we know there are so many lost souls. How often do we talk about our faith?

Challenge: Can we each find at least one way in which we can bring God into our conversation?

Let us Rejoice

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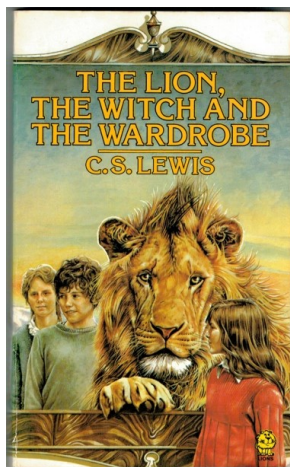
Let us rejoice, for God is near,
He heals each wound and dries each tear.
He hears our hymns we raise to him.
He fills our hearts well past the brim.
For His love's pure and will endear.

Let's gather now in his lumiere,
Safe with his love to us so dear.
For days are dark and growing dim
Let us rejoice.

It's times like this when full of fear,
We heed his voice and hear it clear.
We know the days may seem quite grim,
And survival may seem so slim,
He is with us as we are here.
Let us rejoice

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NB: Lumiere is French for light



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CS Lewis published this classic in 1950. It is considered the best known among the seven novels that comprise the Chronicles of Narnia which spanned from 19050 - 1956. Most of the novel and the other Narnia novels is set in Narnia. A mystical land of talking animals and mythical creatures that is ruled at the time by an evil White Witch.

The novel tells the story of four young English children who are sent away from London to live with a distant and reclusive relative. The story begins when Lucy looking for a place to hide during a game of hide and seek stumbles through an ancient wardrobe and into the land of Narnia. To tell you any more of the plot would be to ruin the surprises you will discover along the way.

This is a wonderful book full of inspirational characters who learn real life lessons while exploring a magical fantasy world. There are plenty of picture books and children's video adaptations to keep your youngest enthralled and fascinated. A perfect way of introducing children to reading while also teaching them many valuable Christian life lessons.

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Six days to Sunday



Stepping Stones of Faith

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*We believe in the Bible over all of life
and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*



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